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Dear Governor Rockefeller:

This morning's New York Times carries news of your proposals for a new technological university in New York State. May I offer my deeply felt congratulations. Moves along these lines are badly overdue. I hope your proposals will in fact be supported with the vigor needed to give such an institution the preeminence and the State deserve -- unhappily, judging from past history, this would be a new departure for New York State's recognition of its responsibilities in higher education.

I speak with some feeling on this point, recalling my own experiences of 21 years ago as a student in New York City. I hope your proposals will go some distance to bring the opportunities for advanced scientific training in the New York Metropolitan area closer to par in relation to the human resources and industrial and financial importance of this part of the Nation.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

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